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Dear Editors:

Please publish the following legal notice in your newspaper once a week for the next two weeks, preferably in consecutive Sunday editions, if you have one, beginning February 8, 2009:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings and Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement

Montana Major Facility Siting Act Application

Keystone XL Pipeline Project

TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (Keystone), 450 1st Street, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 5H1, has submitted a Major Facility Siting Act (MFSA) application to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to construct and operate a 36-inch-diameter crude oil pipeline. Keystone proposes to construct, operate, and maintain the pipeline from Hardisty, Alberta, southeast through Montana and ultimately to the Gulf Coast area of Texas in the U.S.

As proposed, the pipeline would start at Hardisty, Alberta, and cross the U.S./Canada border near Morgan, Montana, and continue in a southeast direction east of the towns of Circle and Glasgow. The proposed pipeline would then exit the state of Montana and continue on through South Dakota and terminate at Steele City, Nebraska. As proposed, the pipeline in Montana would cross 220.6 miles of privately owned land, 19.1 miles of state land owned by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and 42.6 miles owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Seven pump stations

are proposed for construction in Montana, and power lines would be required to provide electricity to these pump stations. Power lines would be built by local electricity providers.

Pursuant to the requirements of 75-20-302, MCA, and ARM 17.4.501, DEQ is providing notice to persons owning property in the area that may be affected by the pipeline or alternatives, along with notice to persons who may wish to comment on other permits under DEQ's jurisdiction that may be required prior to project construction.

Staff from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will work with the U.S. Department of State to collect input on issues and concerns related to the certificate of compliance and water quality permits as well as other issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Members of the public may also submit written comments to DEQ prior to the close of the scoping period on March 16, 2009. Meetings will be held to take comments on the project at the following locations in Montana:

Meeting Date	Location	Venue
Monday, February 23 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Baker, MT	The Garage and Steakhouse 19 W. Montana Avenue Baker, MT 59313
Tuesday, February 24 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Terry, MT	Terry High School 215 East Park Terry, MT 59349
Wednesday, February 25 12:00 - 2:00 pm	Circle, MT	Schmidts Super Valu 105 10th Street Circle, MT 59215
Wednesday, February 25 12:00 - 2:00 pm	Plentywood, MT	Grandview Hotel, Gold Dollar Banquet Room 120 S Main St Plentywood, MT 59254
Wednesday, February 25 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Glendive, MT	Dawson Community College, UC102 Lecture Hall 300 College Drive Glendive, MT 59330
Thursday, February 26 12:00 - 2:00 pm	Glasgow, MT	Cottonwood Inn and Suites Highway 2 East Glasgow, MT 59230
Thursday, February 26 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Malta, MT	Great Northern Hotel 2 South 1st Street East Malta, MT 59538

Questions about the MFSA application can be directed to Tom Ring, Environmental Management Bureau, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, (406) 444-6785.

To submit relevant comments, questions, or concerns about the EIS or the application, write to Mr. Greg Hallsten, Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, or e-mail to Keystone@mt.gov. Comments may also be submitted orally or in writing at the public scoping meetings. Individuals needing an alternatively accessible form of this notice should contact Mr. Hallsten at the address above.

In addition, please attach an affidavit of publication, with an original tear sheet for the run date, to your invoice and send them to:

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Sincerely,

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Montana Facility Siting Program
